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For: POLYETHYLENE FILAMENT AND A
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: Newton O. Edwards

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Action mailed October 17, 2006, applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-5, *with traverse*.

The Examiner has based the restriction requirement upon his identification of a special technical feature in Group I that he says is not present in the other groups. However, the Examiner's identification of this special technical feature, "a polyethylene filament having a tensile strength, tensile modulus, and index value of circular knit" is repeated in the remaining groups of product claims identified by the Examiner. For example, independent claim 6, in Group II, recites as a primary component of a fibrous material for reinforcing cement mortar or concrete the same polyethylene filament as is set forth more or less in claim 1. Claim 10 is directed to a composition according to claim 9, which incorporates the same filament as claim 6, so it too is directed to the same technical features. By the same token, claims 11 and 12, Group IV, are directed to a rope but containing the same essential filament as set forth in claim 1. As a


result, applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has incorrectly held that the special technical feature of claim 1 is not found in the remaining product claims identified by the Examiner in the Action. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Groups I-IV, claims 1-12, should be examined together in this application. Applicants also note that claim 17 is very similar to these claims but that examination of claim 17 would not involve any further search above that required for claims 1-12.

Early action withdrawing the restriction requirement in part and acting on claims 1-12 as the elected claims is solicited.

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